

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2006 meeting.

Representative Gosselin supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4828 before the committee.

HB 4828 LaJoy School aid; foundation allowance; additional \$750.00 funding per pupil if school district meets certain requirements; provide for.

Representative LaJoy testified in support of HB 4828.

Dr. James Ryan, Patricia Brand and Judy Mardigian, representing the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, testified in support of HB 4828. Questions and discussion followed.*

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, submitted a card in support of HB 4828, but did not wish to speak.

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education, submitted a card in support of HB 4828, but did not wish to speak.

The committee took no further action on HB 4828.

The Chair laid HB 4575 and HB 5709 before the committee.

HB 4575 Vander Veen Education; financing; purposes for which sinking funds may be used; revise to include purposes for which bonds may be issued.

HB 5709 Casperson Education; financing; purposes for which sinking funds may be used; revise.

William DeFrance, representing the Eaton Rapids Public Schools, testified in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709.

Bill McMaster, representing the Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation, testified in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709.

Rose Bogaert, representing the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, testified in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709.*

Tom White, representing the Michigan School Business Officials, testified in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709.

Dan Quisenberry, representing the Michigan Association of Public School Academies-Michigan Charter Schools, testified in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709.*

Bill Tunnickliff, representing the Middle Cities Education Association, testified in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709.

Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan, submitted a card in support of HB 4575, but did not wish to speak.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, submitted a card in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709, but did not wish to speak.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709, but did not wish to speak.

The committee took no further action on HB 4575 and HB 5709.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:30 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
May 31, 2006
2 hours

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written material submitted.